

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

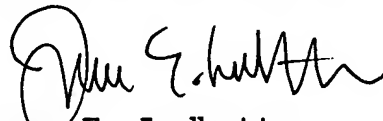
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 8 and 10 are allowable. The features of allowable claims 8 and 10 have been integrated into their respective base claims 7 and 9. Therefore, allowance of claims 7 and 9 is warranted.

Claims 8 and 10 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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